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Petrillo's Ban May Hit Bing Crosby's Deal With San Carlos Firm

Caesar Petrillo's ban on recordings, effective Jan. 1, 1948, may affect the contract between the Crosby Enterprise, Inc., and the Ampex Electric Co. of San Carlos for the company's total output of a new type tape recorder. This was reported today by Walter A. Webber, vice president of Musician's Union 6, San Francisco.

Samaritans Just Jerks... Helper Finds

A San Francisco tile setter's helper reported to the sheriff's office that he was robbed yesterday by two men who pretended to be good Samaritans helping him with his disabled car.

Frank Lessa was treated at Alameda Emergency Hospital for three gashes inflicted on his head by the robbers to took \$12, a wristwatch and his wallet.

The sheriff's office stated today that Lessa was driving south on Bayshore Hwy. about 4 a.m. yesterday when his car was struck from the rear by a sedan.

Lessa's car was forced onto the safety island near Geneva Ave. and one of the wheels damaged. The San Francisco man said that two Negroes alighted from the other car, offered their help, and pushed Lessa's car to the curb.

One of the men, described as short, struck Lessa three times over the head, then held a gun on him while the second bandit relieved Lessa of his belongings.

Record Throng At Belmont Party

Nearly 1000 children and adults last night attended the annual Belmont children's Christmas party held at the Belmont fire station.

Fire Chief Elbert Miller said that the party was the largest ever held in Belmont and that the turnout far exceeded that of previous years.

The three hour program included a puppet show, Christmas carol singing and a demonstration of folk dancing put on by the Belmont Girl Scout troop.

Hundreds of toys were given away to the children, while footballs and dolls were presented as prizes.

Before the party, Santa Claus rode through the streets of Belmont on a fire engine.

The party was sponsored by all of Belmont's clubs and civic organizations.

Convict Escapes SF County Jail

A fleet footed prisoner escaped from the San Francisco County Jail near Skyline Blvd. this morning after outwitting a guard and scaling a 10-foot barbed wire fence.

According to Undersheriff W. V. Hollingberry, the escapee, Silvio Hernandez, 21, was helping unload bread from a truck in the jail yard. Although under armed guard, he broke and ran across the yard, climbed the fence, and disappeared into the brush. No shots were fired.

All north county police departments as well as the San Mateo County sheriff's office and the San Francisco Police Dept. were searching for Hernandez this afternoon. Hollingberry described him as being dark complexioned, slim, and about 5 feet 6 inches tall.

A convicted auto thief, Hernandez had served almost half of a one-year term, Hollingberry said.

450 Attend S&W Party

More than 450 employees and guests attended the annual S&W employees Christmas dinner in the factory cafeteria Friday night.

Adrien Falk, president of S&W, spoke to the group. He was introduced by T. A. Rhorabough, factory manager. The dinner was followed by entertainment and dancing.

The program included dancing by the Peasants; various dances and acrobatic numbers by the Betty May Kiddie Revue, and musical stunts and a ventriloquist act by Joe Wakefield. Dance music was provided by the Wonder Boys.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Falk; Lionel Eaton, director and vice president of S&W; Joseph Blumlein, director and vice president; Jake Lichting, director and general sales manager; and Sam Randoni, director and manager of the procurement division.

Gifts were distributed by Santa Claus.

Council Gets Bond Plans In Belmont

The Belmont Recreation Commission tonight will ask the Belmont City Council to place a \$98,500 bond issue for a recreation center before Belmont voters at a special election, according to James Healy, commission chairman.

The amount of the bond issue was decided upon Saturday night at a meeting of commission members and members of the Belmont Civic Assn., Healy said.

Of the \$98,500, \$60,000 would be used to purchase the Pullman estate on Ralston Ave., Healy declared. The commission last week acquired an option on the 10 acre estate.

Healy said that the remaining money would be used to improve the proposed recreation center and construct a tennis court and baseball diamond.

Five small buildings are on the property at present including the original Ralston hunting lodge. The land was at one time part of the Ralston estate, and the buildings could be utilized for recreation purposes, according to Healy.

Also on the agenda tonight is the naming of a new councilman to replace W. C. Bartlett, former police commissioner, who resigned last month.

Dodging Shoppers, He Tells Judge

Despite an original account of how he happened to be arrested, Mathew Stukel, 46, 428 Jackson St., was sentenced to spend three days in the county jail today by Police Judge W. H. Thorpe.

The judge pointed out that the story came a little late inasmuch as Stukel had pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness at an earlier date.

Today was the time for passing sentence, but before Thorpe got around to that Stukel gave this story:

Some years ago he injured a leg in Alameda County. His legs have never recovered sufficiently. Dec. 13 when he was arrested he was walking down a Redwood City street dodging Christmas shoppers.

Police claimed he was staggering. But Stukel said he wasn't. It was just a combination of the dodging necessary and his bad legs that made him appear to weave around somewhat.

Thorpe said he believed it would be a good idea to keep Stukel away from the temptations of liquor at least until Monday and then passed the three-day sentence.

At the time of previous arrest on a similar charge Stukel told the judge he appeared to weave because of a poor heart.

SC Church Group Meets With Mrs. Martin

Circle Seven of Community Church, San Carlos, met last week at the home of Mrs. William Martin, 738 Cordilleras. Mrs. H. A. Hockley assisted as co-hostess.

A devotional was given by Mrs. H. M. Hauser on "Christmas Time." Mrs. R. C. Crist read several jokes and Mrs. Charles Mayberry read O. Henry's "Gifts of the Magi."

Mrs. Lester West was presented with birthday gifts and the members exchanged Christmas gifts.

Members present were Mmes. O. Lockie, N. Hallinger, L. West, R. Crist, A. Loeffler, D. Duncan, J. Bannerman, H. Hauser, H. Hockley, W. Martin, I. May, C. Mabey, E. Ellsworth and a new member, Mrs. M. Keller.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 12 at the home of Mrs. D. Duncan.

Postpone City Planning Meet

A Redwood City Planning Commission session scheduled for tonight at the city hall was postponed until Jan. 12, Lawrence Wise, planning consultant, announced today.

Wise explained that there was no business on the commission's agenda.

The commission's two main projects for this year have already been completed. A master plan was prepared under commission supervision and approved by the city council. A proposed new zoning ordinance has already been approved by the commission and now waits final council approval.

Jr. Red Cross To Assist VA Hospital

Patients at Veterans Hospital in North Palo Alto didn't have to worry about Christmas cards this year.

Five Junior Red Cross groups, including the one from the Sequoia chapter, saw to it that the patients had cards to send to relatives and friends. They provided 1500 stamped Christmas cards for them.

The Junior Red Cross groups did other things to help make the Yuletide season a little more cheerful for the patients. They provided some Christmas decorations, tray favors, ornaments, strings of popcorn, cranberries, posters, home-made candy and nuts. The groups also provided covers for printed Christmas programs.

Sequoia chapter's Junior Red Cross yesterday presented a Christmas program in the auditorium of the Veterans Hospital. Barbara Graves, a Sequoia High School student, was in charge.

Among gifts to the hospital which were channeled through the Red Cross community service to camps and hospitals committee were bedside radios, Christmas trees, record albums, fruits, candy, playing cards, Christmas cards and wreaths.

Wesleyan Club Has Christmas Party; Gifts, Games, Featured

Sixty-eight members and friends of the Wesleyan Club of the First Methodist Church were entertained at a Christmas party Tuesday night at the church.

As each guest arrived, he was given either red or green paper with which to fashion a hat for himself. In the games which followed, those with red hats competed against those with green. After the games, each person received a gift from the Christmas tree. The singing of Christmas carols concluded the evening's entertainment.

Decorations were in the traditional Christmas mood. In the center of each long table was a garland of red and green, banked with redwood greens and pine cones.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bogie, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Whitaker, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker served on the committee in charge of the party.

Guests of the group were Messrs. and Mmes. Willis Arganbright, F. M. Gephart, Nick Hart, F. A. Mosman, Ben McGuire, Lloyd Ayers, Paul Lorentzen, and Russell Green.

At the business meeting preceding the party, the president, Ernest Baker, named Mrs. Faye Julien chairman of the welfare committee, and Mrs. Donald Bogie and Mrs. B. E. Myers the membership committee.

C of C Names New Directors

J. A. Buhler, Bank of America; Thom Rhorabough, S&W Fine Foods, Inc.; Floyd F. McCue, Redwood City Star-Advertiser; Wayne Millington, attorney; and John Ball, Safeway Stores, Inc., were announced today as new Redwood City chamber of commerce directors.

E. W. (Ned) Butler, chamber manager, made the announcement, saying the five would join four previous directors for the 1948-49 fiscal year.

The new directors will conduct a joint meeting with old directors Monday, Dec. 29, in the chamber's city hall offices. Purpose will be to elect officers for the coming year.

Holdover directors are John W. Ryan, Myron Evans Harman, G. E. Towne and Chris Uhlenberg.

RC Woman Hurt In Crossing Crash

Haru Nakano, 72, of 925 Woodside Rd., suffered major injuries in an automobile accident in Santa Clara County yesterday afternoon, the California Highway Patrol at San Jose reported today.

She was taken to Palo Alto Hospital, as were two other persons injured, Eleanor Balda, 79, of San Francisco, who suffered major hurts, and Allen Balda, 40, San Francisco, who suffered minor injuries.

Cars driven by Hajime Nakano, 50, 925 Woodside Rd., and James E. Riggs, 24, San Francisco, collided at the intersection of Sunnyvale Saratoga Rd. at Fremont at 3 p.m. yesterday.

Laborer Held as Car Strikes Pedestrian

A Menlo Park laborer was held in county jail on \$1000 bail, charged with felony drunk driving, following an accident involving a pedestrian in Belmont yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Ida Larson, 60, 1110 Old County Rd., Belmont, was struck by a truck at 4:55 p.m. while crossing Ralston Ave. at the El Camino intersection. The light truck was traveling east on Ralston Ave. and Mrs. Larson told police she was crossing the street with the signal.

The driver of the truck, who gave his name as Joseph Parks, 52, 83 Avery St., Menlo Park, was arrested on charges of both felony and misdemeanor drunken driving and taken to county jail. Judge Gus Russo this morning set bail at \$1000.

Mrs. Larson was taken by ambulance to Community Hospital where she was treated for knee injuries and bruises. She was released from the hospital but police report today that she is confined to bed.

Parks was also charged with driving with defective brakes. He is to appear before Judge Russo on Dec. 23.

2 Persons Hurt In 4-Car Collision

Two persons suffered bruises about their faces and knees last night in a rear-end pileup involving four cars on Bayshore Hwy. about a mile north of Ralston Ave., Belmont.

The injured, both drivers, were Eugene A. Moffatt, 34, of 495 Old County Dr., Belmont, and Fred Rice, 33, 221 No. Ellsworth St., San Mateo.

The accident occurred when Moffatt's car struck the sedan driven by Rice, who was pushing a third car which had stalled while attempting to push a fourth car.

Christmas and Birthday Parties Combined at SC Community Church

A Christmas program and party was given by the Nursery Class of San Carlos Community Church last Sunday afternoon.

Margaret Howard, Marilyn Obrien and Rickey Clingerman celebrated their birthdays at this time.

Those who took part in the program were Marilyn Obrien, Joseph Master, John Kemp, Paddy Ritchie and John Morton.

Singing were Randy Neal, Margaret Howard, Cynthia Elsworth, Judy Markely, Ricky Clingerman, Barbara Edwards, Carl Frank Beckle, Carol Jo Winchester, Keith Winchester, Diane Showalter, Terry Lee Thronsen, Shirley Hauser, Danny Spurgeon, Cheryl Spurgeon, Marcella Morris, Patty Holmsted.

Miss Sonja Nordness accompanied the vocal presentations on the piano. Mr. Nordness showed movies and refreshments were served. The teachers presented the nursery class with a gift.

Paolina Baldini Elected President of ICF

Paolina Baldini was elected president of the Italian Catholic Federation for the coming year at the group's election of officers held last week.

Other officers elected were The Rev. Joseph Fitzpatrick, chaplain; Joe Rao, first vice president; Al Genero, second vice president; Mary Della Costa, recording secretary; Anna Bacigalupo, financial secretary; Lil Rao, treasurer; Julio Olivieri, marshal; Carmel Pontillo, Theresa Genero and Anna Petrullo, trustees; and Angie Rao, sentinel.

Following the business meeting members gathered for their annual Christmas party. Norman Barsi was chairman of the affair and Theresa Gina was in charge of refreshments.

Past Chief Companions Organize, Elect Officers

The home of Nellie Claire on Beresford Ave. was the scene of the organization meeting and election of officers of the Past Chief Companions of Foresters of Sequoia Circle 1568 last week.

Officers elected were Nellie Claire, organizer; Glenn Van Buskirk, president; Isabella LeGard, financial secretary and treasurer; Mary Chappelle, recording secretary; and Nellie Van Buskirk, publicity chairman.

Following the meeting, Mrs. Claire served refreshments and a cake was cut to honor the birthday of Clara Keonn, one of the members.

State Rejects School District Bids for Funds

SACRAMENTO (AP)—The State Allocation Board today refused to take action on 42 applications from school districts seeking aid under the \$20,000,000 "little red schoolhouse bill" passed by the 1947 session of the legislature to aid impoverished school districts.

Finance Director James S. Dean, board chairman, told the members a "complete survey" must be made of local tax rates before any action is taken on requests from the various districts.

Several school districts in San Mateo County are planning to obtain state aid through the schoolhouse bill. These included the Redwood City Elementary, San Carlos, and Menlo Park, all of which have reached the maximum limits of bonded indebtedness.

The 42 requests before the board today asked for a total of \$14,316,978 and school department officials said they expect to receive a total of approximately \$40,000,000 for approximately \$200,000,000.

Under terms of the legislative act school districts which are bonded to the extent of 95 percent of their bonded indebtedness limit may apply for state aid in construction of school facilities.

Dean declared it was the legislature's intent in passing the law to grant aid to the small, impoverished school districts throughout the state and not necessary to districts in the large cities. "We will have to go back to the legislature for a review," Dean said. "This is not the problem we thought we were facing."

In the requests before the board today two cities, Hayward and Compton, alone asked for a total of more than \$5,000,000. The board voted to ask for a survey of all requests and to have them screened as to actual needs and improvements of the various districts. It will meet again Jan. 19 to consider the applications.

Junior Guild Elects Officers For New Year

Junior Guild of Redeemer Lutheran Church held its regular December meeting and election of new officers recently.

New officers are Esther Grow, president; Evelyn Wing, vice president; Vera Trogden, secretary; and Freida Fritzel, treasurer.

Outgoing officers are Leona Nolan, president; Mrs. Grow, vice president; Alice Marshall, secretary; and Eunice Seymour, treasurer.

The Rev. John Marozik opened the program with a prayer and members followed it with the singing of Christmas carols.

Votes of thanks were extended to all the members and the retiring officers for their support and spirit throughout the year by the Rev. Mr. Marozik.

The Rev. Mr. Marozik then presented three papers, which he had prepared, concerning reorganization of the guild. The papers were read by Harriet Wilke, Gertrude Paul and Mrs. Grow. The matter will be considered further at the January meeting.

Following the meeting refreshments were served from tables decorated in the holiday motif. Hostesses were Elsie Gandrud and Mrs. Fritzel.

The following evening, as has been the custom in the past, the retiring officers gave a Christmas party for the members at the home of Mrs. Seymour on Jeter St.

Sue 'Dirt Haulers' For \$25,000

Another in a series of suits was filed in superior court today by Millbrae residents as a result of operations by contractors hauling dirt for Mills Field.

The new suit was filed by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson, owners of three dwelling houses and nine cabins at 19 and 21 Mateo Ave. They are seeking \$25,000 damages and an injunction to stop heavy trucking operations.

The complaint charges that dust, noise and fumes have damaged the houses and made them uninhabitable.

The contractors named in the suit are the Macco Corp., the Morrison-Knudsen Co., and the Guy F. Atkinson Co.

New Grammar School Opens Here Monday

The \$250,000 Hoover School on Charter St., Redwood Village, will open its doors next Monday morning, 15 months after work was started on the project, Andrew Spinas, superintendent of the Redwood City Elementary Schools announced today.

Like other local elementary schools, it will be overcrowded; Spinas pointed out that it is already necessary to run one class on double session.

The Hoover School includes nine classrooms and an office. Ten classes are to be held in the school including two sections in the second grade, Spinas said. He set the enrollment at 375 pupils.

"It is a very fine building with every modern feature," Spinas declared. He pointed out that the present proposed \$505,000 bond issue for school expansion will include construction of an addition at the Hoover School which would alleviate the overcrowded conditions.

Ben Leese, principal last year at the Central School will be the new principal at Hoover, Spinas said.

Hoover School pupils have been attending double sessions at the Central School since September. Spinas said that on Monday they will go to their regular rooms at the Central School where they will pick up their books and other belongings and then be transported by bus to the new school.

The two other new schools now being built by the school district should be finished shortly after the first of the year, according to the superintendent.

Spinas said that the Taft School in Friendly Acres should be completed by the middle of January, while the Monroe School will probably be ready to open its doors by the beginning of February.

St. Peter's to Feature Christmas Parties, Special Services

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Redwood City, is observing Christmas with parties and special Christmas services.

The Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve will begin at 11:30 o'clock at which time Holy Communion will be received. Hymns and carols will be presented by the church choir. Canon V. O. Ward of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, will deliver the Christmas sermon.

Christmas day service will begin at 10:30 a.m. and The Rev. George A. Ray will speak to the congregation.

This Saturday Night Club of the church held their Christmas party at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Feldscher, 1027 Hopkins, Redwood City. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne V. Kenaston were the hosts.

The annual Sunday School Christmas party for children from grades three to eight will be held tonight from 7 to 9 in the Church Guild Room. Parents or friends of the children are invited to the party which will consist of games and movies. A Christmas tree will decorate the hall, Mrs. W. H. Mattson is in charge.

Saturday from 4 to 4 the Primary Sunday School party was held in the Guild Room of the church. Parents and younger brothers and sisters helped make the affair a gay one.

Post Office Talks Heat SC Council

A heated discussion over the proposed post office building on San Carlos Ave. highlighted a meeting of the San Carlos City Council this week while at the same time councilmen postponed action on a city master plan ordinance until a special meeting on Jan. 7.

"The people of San Carlos are getting the runaround as far as the post office is concerned," declared Councilman Edward Burton, "I don't know who's fault it is, but we owe it to the people of San Carlos to shake up whoever is responsible."

Mayor Patrick J. Kearns explained that at present the council had no jurisdiction in the post office and explained the background of the plan of H. H. McDonald to build a \$50,000 structure for the post office on San Carlos Ave. near Elm St.

"McDonald now proposes not only a post office but a possible store and office building," Kearns declared. "There are other parts of San Carlos already zoned for such a building and nobody will be hurt."

School Bond Election Set For Jan. 23

Final resolutions calling for a special election for a \$508,000 bond issue on Jan. 23 were adopted this week by the Redwood City Elementary School board of trustees.

The bond issue is to provide funds for the construction of a school on the Selby Ln. site in Atherton, a home economics building at the McKinley School, additions at the John Gill and several other schools, and purchase of a site for a future school in the Emerald Lake area.

Supt. Andrew Spinas said that he was investigating possible sites in the Emerald Lake district but that he had not yet found a suitable one available.

Architect Arthur D. Janssen presented the board with plans for a proposed garage and maintenance shop to be built at the rear of the McKinley School. The building, a one story structure, would cost about \$20,000 according to Janssen.

Janssen told the board that a few years ago such a building would have cost about \$10,000 but that increased prices have now doubled the cost of construction.

Paul Traver of the Redwood Village Improvement Club told the board about a plan to move a building released by the Port of Redwood City to the Hoover School site as a possible recreation building and meeting place.

Spinas said that he could see no reason to oppose the placing of the building on school property providing the cost of moving the structure was taken care of by the city.

Trustee C. G. Uhlenberg suggested that the former marine barracks building be put on city property near the pound, pointing out that when the city builds a new pound, the old pound building could also be used for recreational purposes.

3 Hurt, Pair Held In Auto Accidents

Three persons were injured and two motorists arrested for drunken driving as a result of automobile accidents in the unincorporated parts of San Mateo County during the weekend.

Donald D. Gundy, 24, of 1037 Menlo Oaks Dr., Menlo Park, suffered minor injuries when the car he was driving crashed into a sedan parked on Bay Rd., near Hollyburne, East Palo Alto. The parked car, owned by John F. McDaniel of Richmond, was unoccupied at the time of the accident, which occurred at 2 a.m. yesterday.

Minnie Cortez, 54, and a passenger in her car, Grace Cadaleri, 50, both of San Francisco, were treated at Community Hospital for injuries suffered in a rear-end automobile collision on Bayshore Hwy. near Mills Field yesterday evening.

Mrs. Cortez's car struck an unidentified vehicle which had cut in front of her car, according to the highway patrol.

Edward A. Suhar, 24, a navy aviation machinist, East Palo Alto, was arrested last night on a drunk driving charge after an accident on Bayshore Hwy. near Bay Meadows.

Suhar's car crossed the double line and crashed headon into a sedan driven by James R. McCaslen, 18, of San Francisco, officers reported.

Vincent J. Courtney, 36, of San Francisco was arrested in Colma for drunken driving when his car left El Camino Real, climbed the curb and came to rest on the Market St. railway tracks. The accident occurred at 2:20 a.m. yesterday.

Young Doe Killed By Angry Dogs

A young doe was run to earth and killed last week by two dogs near Skyline Blvd. two miles south of Mountain House, the sheriff's office reported here.

Sgt. Tom McDaniels of the San Mateo Police Dept. told deputies that two men had informed him that they had seen the dying doe, with the dogs circling it.

When the officers found the animal, it was dead. She had been chewed about the neck and legs and the dogs had hamstringed her.

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CALIFORNIA POLL: Majority Favors Peacetime Training

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Most Californians today strongly endorse the idea of a compulsory peacetime military training law. Although legislation on this question has been sidetracked for years, a recent statewide survey by the California Poll clearly indicates that the people of this state favor immediate action.

Almost nine of every 10 persons who approve think the training should be not less than one year.

A cross-section of California adults, scientifically selected to represent all walks of life, was asked the following question by investigators for the California Poll:

"Some people think that all boys should be given military training when they reach the age of 18, or when they graduate from high school. Do you agree with them, or not?"

Yes, agree 72%
No, do not agree 22%
Undecided 6%

When those who agree were asked how long they thought the training should be, more than half favored a one-year training period. At least one out of every four persons suggested from 1 1/2 to 2 years, while 11 per cent expressed approval of an even longer training time. Only four per cent say that training should be less than a year.

Since the war ended, the subsequent demobilization of the armed forces and discontinuance of the draft has left the U. S. with only a shadow of its former military strength; and with the advent of new troubles on the international horizon, many people feel that the United States is now one of the most unprotected nations on the earth.

To avoid peacetime conscription, Congress has set up the largest volunteer standing army in history. Yet this huge establishment, like the record-breaking peacetime U. S. Navy, is, in the eyes of most people, not adequate to shoulder even the initial burden of war, according to a previous survey by the California Poll several weeks ago.

Since before World War II, public opinion surveys have repeatedly shown that a majority of the American people favor a peacetime draft. The recent survey by the California Poll demonstrates that this view has the unqualified backing of a clear majority of Californians in every population group regardless of age, sex, political affiliation, veteran or non-veteran status.

While it is still a long way from becoming the law of the land, Universal Military Training — as the idea of compulsory military training in peacetime is usually called — is none-

theless closer to that point now than it ever has been. Neither chamber of Congress has debated or taken action on UMT; but for the first time in history a standing committee of Congress (the House Committee on Armed Services) has favorably reported out a bill to provide this kind of training.

Although too late for senatorial consideration during the previous congressional session, it will undoubtedly be urged upon Congress within the near future. President Truman recently told a delegation of national guardsmen that he will again ask Congress to authorize compulsory military training.

Besides being strongly recommended by top military leaders, by the President's Advisory Committee, by Bernard Baruch in his 16-point preparedness program, and by the Citizens' Emergency Committee for UMT, the measure has the strong backing of two large veterans' organizations, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, before a recent American Legion convention, expressed himself as fully in favor of compulsory military training.

Today, recruiting for the armed forces is admittedly proving difficult. The army, having the most troublesome problem of all, is, according to the latest report, losing personnel at the rate of 25,000 to 29,000 monthly, is gaining at the rate of only 23,000 a month.

The problem of maintaining this nation's self-assurance and the peace of mind of its citizens has been intensified, not only by the dwindling of U. S. armed might, but by growing friction among the nations of the world. At the present time, 58 of those nations maintain military organizations. Only seven of them, including the United States, do not have some system of compulsory military service. The United States is the only major power that does not require it.

Unlike the United States, which completely abandoned its draft nine months ago, Great Britain has retained its national service act in force and has passed legislation to keep it until at least 1954.

Russia has utilized conscription continuously since the Soviet revolution in 1917. The system is strong, extending into the elementary schools for pre-service training and includes the training of women as well as men.

France, too, has retained compulsory service, although the postwar system calls for shorter periods of training.

(The reports of the California Poll are presented each week exclusively in this area by the Redwood City Tribune.)

Mary Louise Corven Weds Mardy Bjork

Mary Louise Corven of Redwood City became the bride of Mardy Bjork of San Francisco at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon at her grandmother's home in San Carlos.

The Rev. Ira Barnett of Burlingame presided at the ceremony and Mary Louise's father, John Emerson Corven, gave his daughter in marriage.

The S. B. Corven home at 745 Tamarack in San Carlos, was decorated with small white mums, white snap dragons and stock. Tall white candles and a profusion of greens completed the setting.

A cream colored satin street dress with gold trim, was the

bride's choice for her wedding attire. Her corsage was of large white orchids.

Miss Marjorie Hobson of San Francisco was the maid of honor and she wore a pale blue street dress with baby orchids for a corsage.

Warren Hulbert of San Francisco was best man.

Grandmother, Mrs. S. B. Cor-

ven wore an aqua green dress with lavender baby orchids.

Mrs. Teresa Bjork chose a gray suit with small orchid corsage, for her son's wedding.

Some 50 guests attended the wedding reception following the ceremony at the Corven home on Tamarack. A three tiered wedding cake was the center of the buffet supper table.

The new Mrs. Bjork was wearing a green short coat, green shoes, and green hat, with her cream wedding dress when the couple left on the honeymoon.

Mardy is associated with the Western Electric Co. in San Francisco and has one brother, Jerry.

Cruse to Return To Islands

Wrex Cruse, founder of the Redwood City Commuter's Club, is returning to the Hawaiian Islands Dec. 30, he announced today. He will become traffic and sales manager in Hawaii for Pan American Airways. Cruse returned from the islands in October after serving as representative of TWA.

Mrs. Cruse, the former Alberta Shine of Woodside, and their two children will follow Cruse to the islands a week later.

Cruse owned the Menlo Park Furniture Co. in 1929-30 and later went to W. & J. Sloane Co. in San Francisco as an interior decorator.

Barker Brothers Sought in Holdup

San Mateo County police officers were alerted to be on the lookout for the much-sought Barker brothers from Texas who were believed to have kidnaped and robbed an Emeryville tavern owner last night.

Oakland Police Insp. A. F. Guinn said the victim, Fred K. Young, 28, looked at police pictures and picked out those of the Barker brothers, saying "they resemble the two men who picked me up."

The brothers, Houston H. Barker, 38, and Paul, 28, of Eastland, Tex., are sought for the shooting last Monday of Dep.

Sheriff Alvin Alvitra at King City.

Young reported that he was about to enter his parked automobile last night when two men approached him, made him get into the car and then drove him to an isolated spot near Mountain View cemetery.

Young said his feet and hands were tied with wire, he was gagged and wired to a tree by the men, who then took \$108 from him and drove away in his car. Young finally freed himself and called police.

He said the men threatened to kill him and "talked like Oakes."



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- Libby's Tomato Juice No. 2 Can 7 1/2¢ 46-oz. Can 17¢
- S & W Coffee 1-Lb. 41¢
- Edwards Coffee 1-Lb. 39¢ 2-Lb. Can 78¢
- Sani-Clor Qts. 2 For 15¢ 1/2 Gals. 2 For 29¢
- Cigarettes Popular brands Carton 1.32
- Strykers Soap Powder 24-oz. Pkg. 31¢
- Cranberry Sauce Ocean Spray, 16-oz. Can 2 For 35¢
- Skippy Peanut Butter 1-lb. Jar 33¢

PRICES EFFECTIVE MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

IN REDWOOD CITY AND SAN CARLOS

ITEMS SUBJECT TO STOCK ON HAND—RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES RESERVED

SAFeway FRESH PRODUCE

Priced by the pound to assure you of full value always.

- CAULIFLOWER Fancy Quality—Lb. 10¢
- RED DELICIOUS APPLES Fancy Northwest 2 Lbs. 25¢
- CRISP CELERY Nice Stalks, Utah type—Lb. 6¢
- SWEET POTATOES & Yams—U.S. No. 1 2 Lbs. 23¢
- CRANBERRIES Late Howe—Lb. 37¢

Prices including produce, subject to stock on hand and price changes made necessary by market fluctuations—Safeway reserves the right to limit quantities.

- Blossom Time Cottage Cheese Creamed 8-oz. Ctn. 13¢ Creamed or Farmer Type 16-oz. Ctn. 23¢
- Dutch Mill American Cheese 1/2-lb. Pkg. 31¢ 2-lb. Pkg. \$1.09
- Libby's Strained Baby Foods Homogenized, Assorted 4 1/2-oz. Can 3 to 19¢
- Dreft Suds Powder 11-oz. Package 29¢

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ALL SAFeway STORES WILL BE CLOSED THURS. DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

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Appelizers

- Cream Cheese Phila. & Pim.—3-oz. Package 15¢
- Crackers Tea Timer—1-lb. Package 27¢
- Crackers N.B.C. Cheese Ritz—8-oz. Package 23¢
- Toast Wafers Sunshine Wheat—1-lb. Package 27¢
- Tomato Juice Sunny Dawn—No. 2 Can 3 for 25¢
- Apple Juice Macomber's—12-oz. Glass 2 for 19¢

Time to do last minute Christmas Dinner buying. Make your selections at Safeway!

Soups—Salads

- Soup Mix Signa Tomato Vegetable with Noodles 3 for 35¢
- Soup Heinz Chicken Noodle or Mushroom—10 1/2-oz. Can 17¢
- Soup Campbell Tomato—10 1/2-oz. Can 2 for 15¢
- Knox Gelatine Package 17¢
- Fruit Cocktail Del Monte—No. 2 1/2 Can 33¢
- Raisins Seedless—2-lb. Bag 23¢
- Walnuts Gann's Shelled—5-oz. Cello 39¢
- Salad Dressing Duchess—Pint Glass 33¢
- French Dressing Kraft—8-oz. Glass 19¢

Trimmings

- Cranberry Sauce Ocean Spray, Jellied or Whole—16-oz. Can 19¢
- Ripe Olives Rocca Bella Giant—9-oz. Glass 23¢
- Green Olives Grandee Colossal—4 1/2-oz. Glass 33¢
- Stuffed Olives Los Olivos—4 1/2-oz. Glass 32¢
- Dill Pickles Heinz Cross Cut—24-oz. Glass 29¢
- Sweet Pickles Mixed—Libby's—11 1/2-oz. Glass 25¢
- Chili Sauce Moneta—11 1/2-oz. Glass 20¢

Candies—Nuts

- Xmas Mix Candy Chiodo Starlet—16-oz. 59¢
- Mints Candy—Sea Breeze—5-oz. Cello 17¢
- Walnuts Emerald Large—1-lb. Cello 39¢
- Mixed Nuts 1-lb. Cello 39¢
- Filberts Ensign Large—1-lb. Cello 35¢

Desserts

- Fudge Mix Tootsie—13-oz. Package 23¢
- Mince Meat English Maid—30-oz. Glass 33¢
- Fruit Cake Hostess Jane Martin—28-oz. Each 69¢
- Cake Flour Swansdown—44-oz. Package 39¢
- Ginger Cake Mix Betty Crocker—14 1/2-oz. Pkg. Deal—1 for 35¢ with 1 at 9¢
- Pumpkin Libby's—No. 2 1/2 Can 2 for 27¢

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- Loin Pork Roast Choice Cuts, Whole, Full Half and Large Loin Cuts—Lb. 57¢
- Pure Pork Sausage Fresh, Tastily Seasoned, Bulk—Lb. 58¢
- Shoulder Pork Roast Boston Butt Cuts, Very Meaty—Lb. 53¢

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FANCY POULTRY Finest Quality—Fully Cleaned—Ready to Cook

- FRYERS Meaty, Ready Cut Portions Lb. 79¢
- YOUNG FOWL For Fricassee, Ready-cut Lb. 67¢
- ROASTERS Well Meated, Select Sizes Lb. 77¢

PRICES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 22, 23, 24

SC City Hall Bids Opened

Bids on the San Carlos city hall remodeling project were opened this week by the San Carlos city council, but action on the bids was postponed until a special meeting next Tuesday night.

Low bid was for \$30,166 and was turned in by Wilford H. May Co. The bid was \$9000 higher than Architect Albert Johnson's estimate of \$21,000 for the job.

The highest of the four bids was \$35,652, 69 per cent higher than the architect's estimate.

Mayor Patrick J. Kearns said that action on the bids had been postponed so that various breakdowns and alternates in the bids could be studied. He said that in order to get the best possible bid it may be necessary to accept some items from one bid and some items from others.

Last July, following the defeat in June of a \$90,000 bond issue for remodeling the city hall, councilmen decided to consider minor alterations of the building.

In August the council approved a plan to remodel the building at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.

The project includes improving the interior and exterior of the building, quartering the police department in the old council chamber and county library, moving a number of offices about and converting the auditorium into a combination council chamber and city court.

RC Man Fined In Drunk Hearing

LeRoy Taylor, 148 Roosevelt Ave., today pleaded guilty to a charge of drunken driving before Police Judge W. H. Thorpe and was fined \$150.

He had been arrested Dec. 15 by Redwood City police.

Happy Bible Class

The Happy Bible Class of First Christian Church, Redwood City, was entertained Dec. 12 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, 14th Ave. Redwood City.

Clyde Plants, president of the class conducted the business of the evening and new officers were nominated for the coming year.

The social program for the meeting was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson. Games were followed by the singing of Christmas carols by the group and refreshments were served.

BUILDING BAROMETER

REDWOOD CITY

(Reported by Bldg. Insp. L. M. Duncan)

To date this year. \$4,679,423

To date last year. \$3,957,669

New permits—H. H. Weiner, 1410 Stafford St., \$5000

restaurant; J. Zalkaske, 111

Manzanita St., \$10,000 store

and shop; Miland Development Co., 1225 Spring St.,

\$40,000 industrial building;

Ralph Zanon, 914 Madison

Ave., \$6500 dwelling.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Waldner & Truce, Attys.

CITATION—No. 44312

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

the State of California, in and for

the County of San Mateo.

In the Matter of the Adoption of

Carrie Adoria McCausland, a minor.

To Elmer R. McCausland, guardian:

By Order of this Court, you are

hereby cited and required to appear

before this Court, at the Court Room,

Department No. 1 thereof, at Red-

wood City in the County of San Mateo,

on Monday, the 26th day of January,

1948, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon

of that day, then and there to show

cause, if any you have, why the peti-

tion of Elmer R. Marshall for adoption

of Carrie Adoria McCausland, a

minor, should not be granted.

Witness, the Hon. A. R. Cotton,

Judge of said Court, in and for

the County of San Mateo, with

the Seal of said Court, affixed, this

26th day of October, 1947.

Attest:

(SEAL) W. H. Augustus, Clerk; by

Nina J. Lowder, Deputy Clerk.

Oct. 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28; Dec.

5, 12, 19, 26, 1947.

SM Building Soars To All-Time High

San Mateo building permits for the year today soared to nearly \$14,000,000 — an all-time record — when Bldg. Insp. V. O. Davis issued \$527,800 worth of permits to Conway & Culligan for 63 new homes in San Mateo Village.

The year's total today stands at \$13,895,456.

Work has already started on the veterans' homes in the South San Mateo development of Conway & Culligan. Fifty-two of the permits were issued for \$8500 homes, 11 for \$7800.

Mayor Edward J. Reilly and other city dignitaries participated in ground-breaking ceremonies at San Mateo Village this week.

The company expects to have some 200 homes completed by Spring.

A permit was issued also to the City of San Mateo in the amount of \$29,995 for alterations to the police station at 215 B St. Contracts have been let for the remodeling job and preliminary work has been started.

Improvements will provide more working space for the police force, a boys' clubroom in the basement and a remodelled municipal courtroom.

Building permits issued for this month total \$1,442,394.

Lutheran Choirs to Sing At School, on Radio

The Church and Chancel Choirs of Redeemer Lutheran Church, under direction of Prof. Fred Barthelmeus, will sing a Program of Christmas Carols at the Community Nativity Scene, on Broadway, tomorrow evening, at 7:45 o'clock. There are 48 voices in the combined choir, and they will present a half-hour program.

The choir will also present a specially prepared program, entitled "The Spirit of Bethlehem" over Radio Station KSMO, on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. This program was originally presented in the church auditorium last Tuesday evening, recorded and transmitted by telephone to the radio station in San Mateo, for presentation by KSMO on Christmas Eve.

Jo Ann Wilson Becomes Mrs. Paul Little At Candlelight Ceremony Here

A snow covered Christmas tree glittering in the candlelight and arrangements of white chrysanthemums formed the background for the wedding ceremony which united Jo Ann Wilson and Paul J. Little.

The wedding took place at 8 p.m. on Saturday at the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Walter B. Smith performing the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Jo Ann was gown in white satin, fashioned with leg o' mutton sleeves and a net yoke, edged with quilted flowers. Her finger-tip length veil was edged in lace and held in place by a lace crown. She carried a white bible covered with orchids and streamers of baby orchids.

Menlo Park First Baptists Purchase Building Site

Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church in Menlo Park announced today that a one-acre site has been purchased for the new church plant, and that construction of the first unit of the project, ultimately an \$180,000 group of connecting units, will begin next Spring.

The site is on Santa Cruz Ave., near Arbor Rd. It was purchased free of debt, the announcement said, and money is now being raised for the first unit. An overall plan has been adopted and specifications for the initial building, a chapel and a portion of the educational plant, are being prepared.

The Rev. O. P. Bishop, founding minister, will be replaced by a permanent pastor some time after the first of the year, according to Everett W. Carlson, chairman of the founding board. A committee appointed following Rev. Mr. Bishop's resignation

Rebekahs to Hold Christmas Party

Olive Branch Rebekah Lodge will hold a Christmas party at its regular meeting tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the IOOF Hall. Gifts will be exchanged and members are asked to bring a 50-cent gift. A short business meeting will precede the party.

Marilyn Dahlin was the maid of honor. Her gown was of aqua taffeta and she carried a muff of yellow carnations.

Bridesmaids were Carol Rattiff of Redlands, who wore yellow taffeta and carried a nosegay of pink carnations; Mary MacDonald, who was gown in aqua taffeta and carried a nosegay of yellow carnations; Frances Whisinhunt of Riverside who wore yellow taffeta and carried a nosegay of pink carnations; and Peggy Little, the bridegroom's sister, who wore blue taffeta and carried a nosegay of pink carnations.

The bride's mother wore a gown of yellow taffeta, while the bridegroom's mother was gown in blue taffeta. Both wore orchid corsages.

August Schwartz served as best man. Ushering were Colman Bridges, Virgil Stowe of Riverside, Steve Abbott and Eugene Wilson.

Maryann Spinella sang "Because" and "At Dawning" before the ceremony and as the bridal party reached the altar she sang "Our Reverie," which was written by Jo Ann and Paul. Joyce Shakarian played the organ.

Preceding the wedding party down the aisle as flower girl was Judy Spinella.

Following the ceremony the guests assembled in the social hall of the church. Tables were decorated with bowls of holly and candles. Peggy Little was in charge of the guest book.

Assisting at the reception were Mrs. W. B. Smith, Jeanne Barden, Mary Andersen, Juanita Renn, Leona Wilson, Phyllis Lindberg and Iona Lee Fain.

When they left on their honeymoon, Jo Ann was wearing a dusty green suit with dark brown accessories and an orchid corsage.

The couple will spend a short honeymoon in Southern California and will visit with their families in Riverside over Christmas.

Jo Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chet Wilson. She has one brother, Eugene. She is a graduate of Sequoia High School and until her marriage was employed with the California Pacific Title Insurance Co.

Paul is the son of Mrs. Zane Little. He is a graduate of Riverside Polytechnic High School and is now a seaman first class in the U.S. Navy.

Two of his sisters, Peggy Little and Helen Kluthe, were able to be present at the ceremony.

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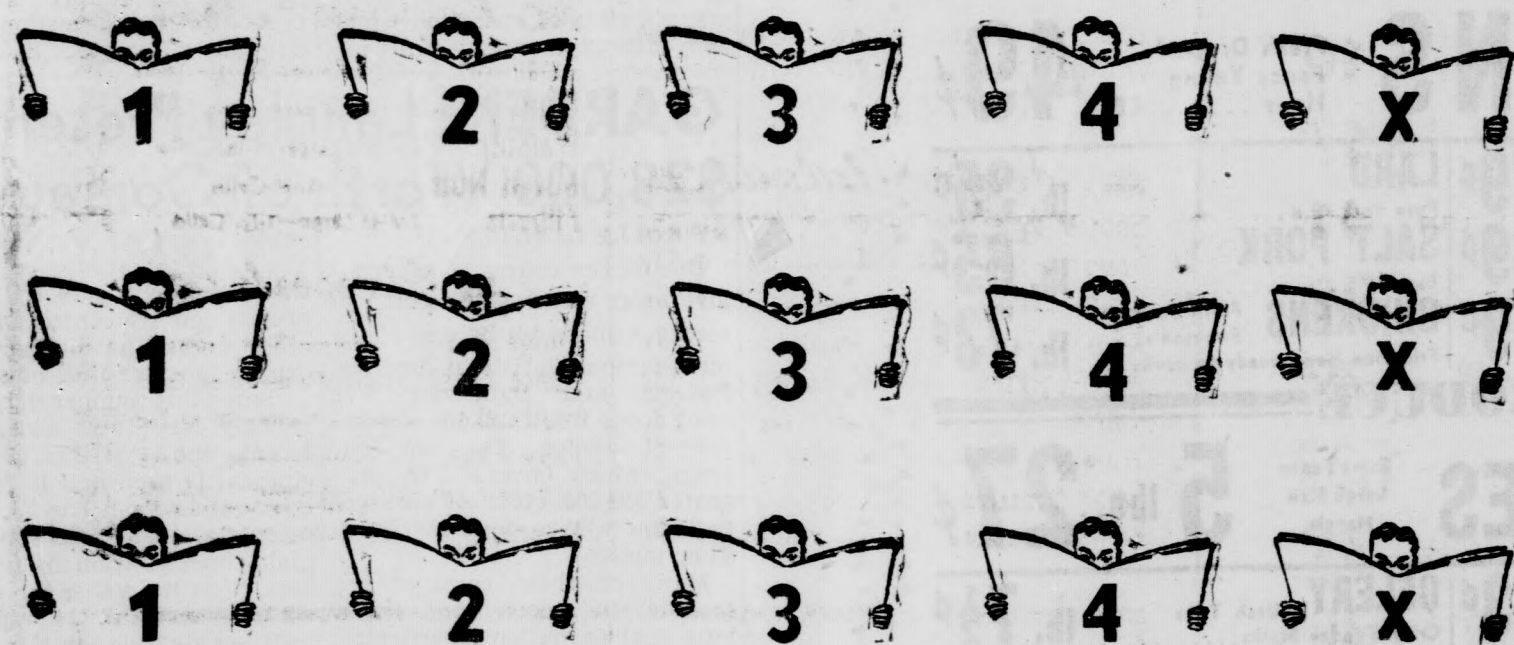
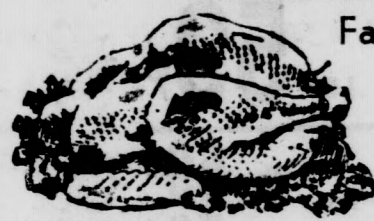
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Granulated Soap 31¢
Large Package

TOMATOES

Nation's Treat No. 2 1/2 Tin 15¢

BABY FOODS

Heinz Strained All Kinds 3 Reg. Tins 20¢

WAX PAPER

Cut Rite Brand 125 Ft. Roll 15¢

TOMATO JUICE

Libby's—46 oz. tin 17c No. 2 Tin 7 1/2¢

KELLOGG'S CEREALS

RICE KRISPIES Regular Package 10¢

CORN SOYA or PEP 14¢

SHREDDED WHEAT Regular Package 15¢

BLENDED JUICE Florida Gold Natural 3 No. 2 Tins 25¢

M.J.B. COFFEE Drip or Regular Grind 1 Lb. Tin 43¢

TOMATO SAUCE Hunt's Brand 6 Reg. Tins 19¢

SPAGHETTI Hunt's—With Cheese And Tomato Sauce 4 No. 1 Tins 25¢

SEEDLESS RAISINS Del Monte Brand 15 Oz. Package 10¢

ORANGE JUICE Deep South Brand 3 No. 2 Tins 25¢

Cheese 2 Lb. Loaf 86¢ | SALT 26-oz. Pkg. 5¢
TASTY LOAF AMERICAN PYRAMID—PLAIN OF IODIZED

Mayonnaise 35¢ | Catsup 14-Oz. Bottle 10¢
BEST FOODS Pint Jar C.H.B. BRAND

Pumpkin No. 2 1/2 Tin 10¢ | Peaches No. 2 1/2 Tin 17 1/2¢
TRI-VALLEY BRAND SUNWORTHY—SLICED

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

ALL PRICES EFFECTIVE MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, 23 AND 24

CELERY

UTAH TYPE

Lb. 5¢

PEARS

DE ANJON

2 Lbs. 25¢

POTATOES

10 LBS. 53¢

WASHINGTON DELICIOUS OR ROMES

APPLES

2 LBS. 19¢

FRESH—CRISP—CLEAN

SPINACH

Cello Bag 15¢

SUNKIST—LARGE NAVELS

ORANGES

5 LBS. 29¢

TENDER AND SPICY

RUTABEGAS

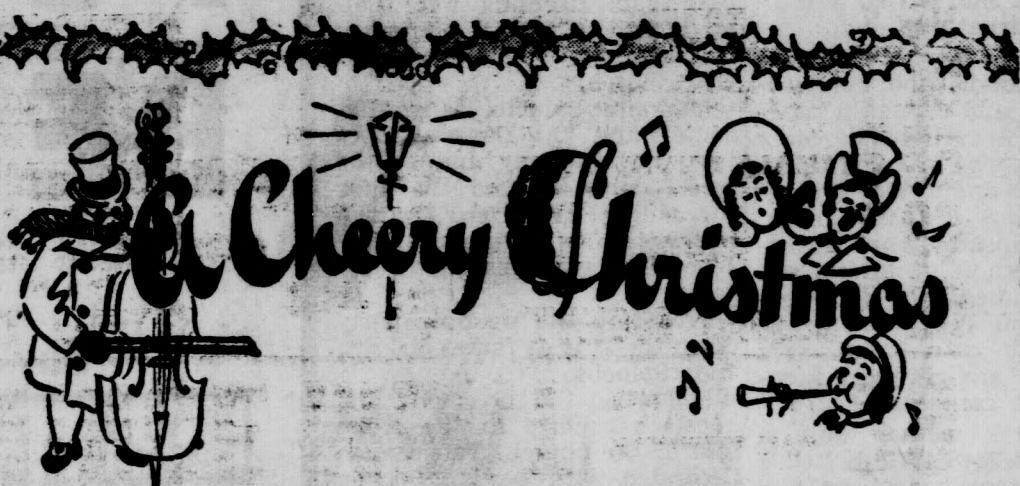
2 LBS. 9¢

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ALL LUCKY STORES CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY



PRICES EFFECTIVE MON., DEC. 22, TUES., DEC. 23, WED., DEC. 24, FRI., DEC. 26, AND SAT., DEC. 27

TURKEYS

Fresh Dressed FANCY YOUNG TOMS lb. **45¢**
 Fresh Dressed FANCY YOUNG HENS lb. **65¢**
 U. S. Gov't Inspected EVISCERATED HENS Ready for the Oven lb. **77¢**

CHICKENS

PORK ROAST lb. **59¢**
 BEEF ROAST lb. **69¢**
 LAMB CHOPS lb. **69¢**
 BACON lb. **59¢**
 CORNED BEEF lb. **59¢**
 GROUND BEEF lb. **43¢**

CHICKENS

OYSTERS 79¢
 VEAL CHOPS lb. **69¢**
 BEEF ROAST lb. **59¢**
 LARD lb. **35¢**
 SALT PORK lb. **65¢**
 CHICKENS lb. **73¢**

PRODUCE

ORANGES 5 lbs. **27¢**
 APPLES 2 lbs. **23¢**
 TOMATOES 29¢
 CRANBERRIES 43¢
 ARTICHOKES lb. **29¢**
 SPINACH 2 lbs. **25¢**
 CELERY 7 1/2¢
 AVOCADOS 39¢
 POTATOES 65¢
 APPLES 4 lbs. **29¢**
 CELERY HEARTS 19¢

CAULIFLOWER

TANGERINES lb. **19¢**
 BRUSSELS SPROUTS 27¢
 BROCCOLI lb. **19¢**
 ALMONDS lb. **45¢**
 MIXED NUTS lb. **45¢**
 ONIONS 2 lbs. **35¢**
 Radishes & Green Onions 15¢
 Yams & Sweet Potatoes 2 lbs. **25¢**
 WALNUTS lb. **41¢**
 FILBERTS lb. **47¢**
 DATES 49¢
 BANANA SQUASH lb. **6 1/2¢**

DELICATESSEN

CHEESE AMERICAN **59¢**
 MINCE MEAT Homemade Style **29¢**

DILL PICKLES 2 for **19¢**
 CHIP DRIED BEEF 49¢
 SLICED AMERICAN **33¢**
 LIEDERKRANZ **39¢**
 BLEU CHEESE lb. **79¢**
 TILLAMOOK CHEESE lb. **79¢**
 SWISS CHEESE lb. **89¢**
 SWEET MIXED PICKLES **29¢**
 SEA FOOD COCKTAIL **10¢**
 SWISS CHEESE 35¢

GROCERIES

CRANBERRY SAUCE 15¢
 CHEESE, KRAFT 23¢
 STUFFED OLIVES 27¢
 PINEAPPLE JUICE 37¢
 CREAM CHEESE 18¢

FRUIT CAKE 69¢
 SWANSDOWN 39¢
 SPICED PEACHES 34¢
 BISQUICK 44¢
 CHOCOLATE CHIPS 19¢

PLUM PUDDING 45¢
 GRAPEFRUIT 17¢
 POP CORN 16¢
 MARASCHINO CHERRIES 25¢
 PICKLES 28¢

PINEAPPLE 27¢
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 RAISINS 25¢
 ICE CREAM 65¢
 JELLO or ROYAL 7¢
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News of Commuters

BY LOCOMOTIVE BILL
COMMUTATION INCREASE
 Now that the state public utilities commission has set Jan. 5 as the date for the hearing on the application of the Southern Pacific Co. for a fare increase, Peninsula commuters are left with very little time to mobilize their forces if a stand is to be made in opposing the requested increase.

The only apparent opposition on the horizon at the moment is that of the Redwood City and Sunnyvale Commuters Clubs. No other Peninsula city has organized clubs so that any possibility of an effective opposition in the short period of time remaining before the hearing appears to be slim.

Two clubs certainly can't carry the load and as we see it any opposition, to be effective, would require the hiring of rate experts if they were available. Rate experts cost money, a lot more money than clubs such as the Commuters Club have in their treasuries. Then too, we must concede that unless the rate experts found something wrong with the figures submitted by the railway company as the basis for the requested increase, the commuters would be fighting a lost cause.

Prospects, therefore, for a successful defense at the hearing next month are anything but optimistic. Commuters, we are afraid, will have to be satisfied with leaving their fate in the hands of the state public utilities commission. They have the rate experts and the investigators if they want to put them to work.

Some commuters have expressed a lack of confidence in the commission, contending that they are pretty much controlled by the Southern Pacific Co. This, we are convinced, is not so because, after all, these men who are members of the commission, are there to represent the people and to protect them against any unwarranted increase in fares. Corporations are entitled to a reasonable return on the investment and this commuters will not dispute.

In spite of our pessimism over the outlook, we would like to see the Commuter Club representatives and other interested commuters appear at the hearing if only to make a statement of their position. Aside from increased costs of operation which the railway company will un-

questionably be able to prove, we feel that the commission should consider the effect that the proposed increase will have on the future development of the Peninsula.

These fares can become so high that prospective residents will be discouraged from living in our communities. Railway companies have many times in the past considered it good business to operate at a loss in a small portion of their territory, providing their over-all operation developed a profit and providing there was a reasonable possibility of developing that territory into a profitable one because of a large increase in population, thus eventually resulting in a profitable passenger and freight traffic.

Commuters are happy people at heart and when the Christmas season rolls around forget their troubles and enjoy themselves as if they never heard of such things as commutation or telephone increases. For instance, on last Thursday evening the Redwood City Commuters Club held its annual Christmas party at the Villa Chartier.

Approximately 100 commuters and their wives dined and danced at a party that was acclaimed as one of the best in many years. House Committee Chairman Duke Martin and his committee are to be recommended for another grand party. And speaking of parties, we must not overlook the second annual Christmas train party sponsored by the Commuters Club on Wednesday morning. Santa Claus, liquid refreshments and dancing will feature the party. So commuters, all of you who are interested in caroling and imbued with the spirit of Christmas, should set the alarm clock early in time to make the 7:28 from Redwood City depot. A special club car is to be provided by the Southern Pacific Co. for use of the commuters on that morning.

PERSONAL: The commuters and people of Redwood City extend thanks to Ed Krase, local manager of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. for the phone booth installed outside of the SP depot which will enable late homecomers to telephone their homes after hours, a service not heretofore available. Credit for the suggestion goes to Commuter Tony Doolin.

GARDEN: Langley Presents \$28,000 Worth of Corsages

BY ROLLY LANGLEY
 During the course of a year, I give away about \$7000 worth of corsages, made up by one of the most famous florists in America, Podesta and Baldocchi. I've been doing this (and it's a pleasure, I assure you) for four years, which means I've presented \$28,000 worth of corsages to ladies who've been my Party Time guests.

Many of these corsages are orchids; in season (and it's a long one) carnations; gardenias, of course, and during the Winter, many of the most beautiful are camellias. In Summer, tuberous begonias, especially the fimbriatas, make beautiful corsages.

Right now, the camellia corsages are running a close second to orchids in popularity. They should, for camellias make up wonderfully, and they hold up well, in the bargain. As I visit camellia gardens, I catch myself estimating the value of the flowers, if they were to all go into corsages. Some gardens could be veritable gold mines.

The amateur interest in camellias has increased many fold since the formation of the various camellia societies. The camellia shows have proven one of the biggest sure-fire attractions in the garden show field. There may come a time when camellias are grown as commonly as California privet, and if that should come to pass, many of us will undoubtedly turn from camellias to something less hackneyed. But meantime (and that's plenty of time), we'll continue to enjoy camellias, whether in flower or not, as one of the most beautiful plants under God's sky.

Dr. Gordon W. Richmond is chairman of the Horticultural Research Committee of the Northern California Camellia Society, and I'm sure he won't mind if I pass on to the general public the helpful information he prepared for the official bulletin under the title: "The Factor Most Often Neglected in Camellia Culture."

"The generally poor appearance of camellias growing in the East Bay Area this Summer (1947), after an unusually dry Winter and Spring, prompted the Horticultural Research Committee of the Northern California Camellia Society to try to determine why the plants looked so pale and unhealthy and seek some way of improving their condition. The somewhat pale and unhealthy appearance of the foliage, of course, indicated chlorophyll deficiency. "There has been considerable talk about 'pH'. For the benefit of those who are not familiar with this term, I shall try to explain. The pH value is a con-

venient way of expressing the acidity or alkalinity of a solution and is measure by the hydrogen ion concentration — in other words, the number of hydrogen ions per unit of solution. "Since this number may be extremely large and awkward to handle, the logarithm of the reciprocal is used and is found to have values from 1 to 14. '1' represents a strong acid solution — high concentration of hydrogen ions. '7' is the value for distilled water — neutral. '14' represents a strong alkaline solution — very low concentration of hydrogen ions.

"Now let us consider the pH of water. The water molecule, as you know, is composed of two atoms of hydrogen and one of oxygen. But the atoms are not combined in this way. Instead, they appear as ions — one hydrogen or acid ion and one OH or basic ion. In distilled water, for which the pH is 7, the acid ions and the basic ions are in balance — are of equal number. For a pH less than 7, there is an excess of hydrogen or acid ions, and the water is said to be on the acid side. For a pH greater than 7, there is an excess of OH or basic ions, and the water is on the alkaline side.

"Most cultural advice stresses the pH of the SOIL. But, as was brought out above, pH is a function of SOLUTIONS. Therefore, when we speak of the pH of the soil, we mean the pH of the liquid phase of the soil."

Ask \$153,660 As Crash Result

A \$153,660 damage suit was filed in superior court here today against the widow of the East Palo Alto dairyman killed a year ago in an automobile collision.

The suit was filed by Marshal L. Gibbs and Hazel E. Pfander of San Jose against Mrs. Iva L. Faber, 1906 Bayshore Hwy., administratrix in the estate of her husband, Peter George Faber.

Mr. Faber died last Dec. 22 after a collision between his car and the car driven by Gibbs. The accident took place at Bayshore Hwy. and Fifth Ave., Belle Haven City.

Gibbs is seeking \$53,660 for injuries he sustained, and Mrs. Pfander, a passenger in Gibbs' car, is asking for \$100,000 for what she called serious permanent injuries.

EXECUTIVE DIES

LOS GATOS (AP)—Adolph Helgoe, 61, assistant operating manager for the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. in San Francisco, died yesterday. He had been with the company 25 years.